# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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| Date of entry in Register: | 27 July 2004 |
| Name of applicant/court: | Secretary for Internal Affairs |
| Applicant to the Labelling Body: | Not Applicable |
| Title of Publication: | EWtheWaterWheel |
| Other Known Title(s): | www.katharsis.net/free2/EWtheWaterWheel.html |
| Director(s): | Not Applicable |
| Producer(s): | Not Applicable |
| Publisher: | John Randall Beach |
| Author(s): | Not Stated |
| Format: | Computer Printout |
| Country of Origin: | USA |
| Language(s): | English |

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The computer printout entitled *EWtheWaterWheel* is classified as: Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication promotes and supports acts of torture, and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty.

The publication consists of a seven page story that describes in intricate detail the extreme cruelty and violence visited upon a restrained man. The narrative extends to describing the victim's distress at his torture, and the torturer's relish at his pain. The effect is to promote and support acts of torture, and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty, as things that are sexually arousing.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under section 3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support acts of torture, the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty.

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